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REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 6, 2003

ROLL CALL:

MR. WOJCIK, MR. FOY, MR. JUDGE, MR. DORAN, MRS. WELCOME, MR. LaPOSTA, PRESIDENT TUTUNJIAN
ABSENT: MRS. COLLIER

PUBLIC FORUM: List of Speakers on file

LOCAL LAW INTRO #1

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT TUTUNJIAN

SECONDED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER FOY

**LOCAL LAW NO. 1 (INTRO. #1) FOR THE YEAR 2003 PROVIDING THAT GENERAL MUNICIPAL
LAW ARTICLE 19-A APPLY TO BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED WITHIN
THE CITY OF TROY.**

BE IT ENACTED, by the city council of the City of Troy as follows:

Section 1. The provisions of article 19-A of the General Municipal Law are hereby applicable to the establishment or extension of Business Improvement Districts in the City of Troy.

Section 2. This law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State, provided, however, that such local law is subject to a permissive referendum and the City Clerk shall forthwith proceed to notice such fact and conduct such referendum if required by petition.

Approved as to form, December 13, 2002

Patrick T. Morphy, Corporation Counsel

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 PASSED – UNANIMOUS

To Mayor, 2/10/03 for Executive Action – Approved, Returned 2/24/03

LOCAL LAW FILED WITH DEPT. OF STATE. SEE SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION WITH LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 1

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT TUTUNJIAN

SECONDED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER FOY

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL GRANT FUND PROJECT TO RECOGNIZE REVENUES
RECEIVED FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND FOR THE STABILIZATION OF
#5 AND #8 WASHINGTON PLACE**

The City of Troy, in City Council, convened, ordains as follows:

Section 1. There is herein established a special grant fund project to recognize revenues received from the Environmental Protection Fund for stabilization of \$5 and #8 Washington Place as set forth in Schedule A entitled

SPECIAL REVENUE PROJECT
BUDGET AMENDMENT

That is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 2. This act will take effect immediately.

Approved as to form, January 16, 2003.

Patrick T. Morphy, Corporation Counsel.

ORDINANCE NO. 1 PASSED – UNANIMOUS

To Mayor, 2/10/03 for Executive Action – Approved, Returned 2/24/03

SCHEDULE "A" ATTACHED TO MINUTES – SEE SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION WITH LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 2

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS TUTUNJIAN & ARMET

SECONDED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER WELCOME

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**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2003 CITY BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE INCREASED REVENUES
FROM THE FEDERAL ASSET FORFEITURE ACCOUNT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS WITHIN THE
POLICE BUREAU'S "OTHER EQUIPMENT/SOS/FEDERAL FORFEITURE" ACCOUNT (Building
Renovation Oversight)**

The City of Troy, convened in City Council, ordains as follows:

Section 1. The 2003 City Budget is hereby amended to increase revenues received from the Federal Asset Forfeiture Account, A3000-2620-0032, and appropriate funds within the Police Bureau's Account entitled "Other Mat'l and Supplies SOS-Federal Forfeiture" A3120-0303-0032, as provided in Schedule A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 2. The Mayor is herein authorized and directed to comply with the provisions of the City's procurement policy in soliciting contracts for goods and services, including professional services, to carry out the project referenced herein. After complying with the provisions of the City's procurement policy, the Mayor is herein authorized and directed to sign any and all contracts necessary to complete the project referenced herein, but only if the city's financial obligations under said contracts are consistent with the appropriations herein made.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to form, December 12, 2002

Patrick T. Morphy, Corporation Counsel

ORDINANCE NO. 2 PASSED – UNANIMOUS

To Mayor, 2/10/03 for Executive Action – Approved, Returned 2/24/03

SCHEDULE "A" ATTACHED TO MINUTES – SEE SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION WITH LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 3

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS TUTUNJIAN & ARMET

SECONDED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER DORAN

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2003 CITY BUDGET TO APPROVE AN INTERFUND TRANSFER
AND TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL GRANT FUND TO ADMINISTER THE LOCAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT**

The City of Troy, in City Council, convened, ordains as follows:

Section 1. There is herein approved an interfund transfer from A3120-303-0000 to A9950-0900-0000 as set forth in the attached Schedule A entitled "Interfund Transfer"

Section 2. There is herein established a 2003 special revenue account for receipt of the Federal Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) for 2002 and funds from that account shall be appropriated for purchase of equipment and law enforcement technology to equip the North Station in the North Troy section of the City as set forth in Schedule A entitled

SPECIAL GRANT FUND PROJECT

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT 2002

which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Section 3. This act will take effect immediately.

Approved as to form, December 12, 2002

Patrick T. Morphy, Corporation Counsel

ORDINANCE NO. 2 PASSED – UNANIMOUS

To Mayor, 2/10/03 for Executive Action – Approved, Returned 2/24/03

SCHEDULE "A" ATTACHED TO MINUTES – SEE SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION WITH LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 4A & 4B – BOTH DEFEATED

ORDINANCE NO. 5

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER WOJCIK

SECONDED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER JUDGE

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ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM AGAINST CITY OF TROY – RICHARD CELLUCCI

The City of Troy, in City Council, convened, ordains, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Troy, New York hereby approves the following claim against the City of Troy in the amount indicated:

“RICHARD CELLUCCI IN THE AMOUNT OF
ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED
SIXTY-TWO AND 13/100 DOLLARS (\$1,462.13)”

Section 2. The above compromise is approved and ratified in accordance with Local Law No. 1 for the year 1964.

Section 3. The Comptroller be and hereby is authorized and directed to make, issue and countersign a draft as outlined above, said sum to be payable out of the Judgments and Claims Account.

Approved as to form, January 17, 2003

Patrick T. Morphy, Corporation Counsel

ORDINANCE NO. 5 PASSED – UNANIMOUS

To Mayor, 2/10/03 for Executive Action – Approved, Returned 2/24/03

SEE SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION WITH LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 6

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER COLLIER

SECONDED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER WELCOME

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CONSENT TO A SUBLEASE AND TO EXECUTE AN
AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SPRINT SPECTRUM REALTY COMPANY,
L.P. (MONOPOLE AT WATER PLANT)**

The City of Troy, convened in City Council, ordains as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor, on behalf of the City of Troy, is hereby authorized to consent to a sublease of space on the Sprint telecommunications tower located at the City’s water filtration plant to AT & T substantially in the form of the attached Schedule A.

Section 2. The Mayor, on behalf of the City of Troy, is hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the lease agreement with Sprint Spectrum Realty Company, L.P. providing for “Additional Rent” in the amount of \$9,000 per year with 3% annual increases, substantially in the form of the attached Schedule B.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to form, January 15, 2003

Patrick T. Morphy, Corporation Counsel

ORDINANCE NO. 6 PASSED – UNANIMOUS

To Mayor, 2/10/03 for Executive Action – Approved, Returned 2/24/03

SCHEDULE “A & B” ATTACHED TO MINUTES – SEE SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION WITH LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 7

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS TUTUNJIAN & JUDGE

SECONDED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER WELCOME

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2003 CITY BUDGET TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS
WITHIN THE 2003 CITY BUDGET TO SUPPORT THE POSITION OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF
PUBLIC WORKS**

The City of Troy, in City Council, convened, ordains as follows:

Section 1. The 2003 City Budget is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of funds as provided in Schedule “A” entitled

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General Fund
2003 Budget Transfer

which is attached hereto and made a part hereof
Section 2. This act will take effect immediately.

Approved as to form, January 7, 2003
Patrick T. Morphy, Corporation Counsel

ORDINANCE NO. 7 PASSED – AYES 7 NOES 1 (Noes: Council Member Foy)

To Mayor, 2/10/03 for Executive Action – Approved, Returned 2/24/03

SCHEDULE “A” ATTACHED TO MINUTES – SEE SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION WITH LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 8

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER WOJCIK

SECONDED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER FOY

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM AGAINST CITY OF TROY – WILLIAM GARRITY

The City of Troy, in City Council, convened, ordains as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Troy, New York hereby approves the following claim against the City of Troy in the amount indicated:

“WILLIAM GARRITY IN THE AMOUNT OF
ONE THOUSAND TWENTY-SEVEN
AND 58/100 DOLLARS (\$1,027.58)”

Section 2. The above compromise is approved and ratified in accordance with Local Law No. 1 for the year 1964.

Section 3. The Comptroller be and hereby is authorized and directed to make, issue and countersign a draft as outlined above, said sum to be payable out of the Judgments and Claims Account.

Approved as to form, January 23, 2003
Patrick T. Morphy, Corporation Counsel

ORDINANCE NO. 8 PASSED – UNANIMOUS

To Mayor, 2/10/03 for Executive Action – Approved, Returned 2/24/03

SEE SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION WITH LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 9

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT TUTUNJIAN

SECONDED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER LAPOSTA

**ORDINANCE AMENDING A CAPITAL FUND BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIFTH AVENUE PARKING GARAGE**

The City of Troy, in City Council, convened, ordains as follows:

Section 1. The Capital Fund is hereby amended to provide for the transfer of funds as provided in Schedule “A” entitled
CAPITAL FUND 2003 TRANSFER

which is attached hereto and made a part hereof

Section 2. This act will take effect immediately.

Approved as to form, January 29, 2003
Patrick T. Morphy, Corporation Counsel

ORDINANCE NO. 9 PASSED – UNANIMOUS

To Mayor, 2/10/03 for Executive Action – Approved, Returned 2/24/03

SCHEDULE “A” ATTACHED TO MINUTES – SEE SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION WITH LEGISLATION

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ORDINANCE NO. 10

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER ARMET

SECONDED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER LAPOSTA

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE FOR THE TROY POLICE
NORTH STATION**

The City of Troy, in City Council, convened, ordains, as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to section 5.52 of the Troy City Charter, the property located on Fifth Avenue and commonly referred to as "Vanland" is needed for municipal purposes; namely to lease for use as a police station.

Section 2. The Mayor, on behalf of the City of Troy, has negotiated a lease for said premises, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Section 3. The City Council herein approves the price of the property, as negotiated by the Mayor and specified in the attached lease.

Section 4. The Mayor, on behalf of the City of Troy, is herein authorized to execute a lease, substantially in the form of the attached, for the premises located on Fifth Avenue and commonly referred to as "Vanland" to be used as a municipal police station.

Approved as to form, November 12, 2002

Patrick T. Morphy, Corporation Counsel

ORDINANCE NO. 10 PASSED – AYES 6 NOES 2 (Noes: Foy/Judge)

To Mayor, 2/10/03 for Executive Action – Approved, Returned 2/24/03

SCHEDULE "A" ATTACHED TO MINUTES – SEE SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION WITH LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 11

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER WOJCIK

SECONDED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER LAPOSTA

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM AGAINST CITY OF TROY – JOAN
LECLAIR**

The City of Troy, in City Council, convened, ordains as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Troy, New York hereby approves the following claim against the City of Troy in the amount indicated:

"JOAN LECLAIR IN THE AMOUNT OF
ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN
AND 72/100 DOLLARS (\$1,297.72)"

Section 2. The above compromise is approved and ratified in accordance with Local Law No. 1 for the year 1964.

Section 3. The Comptroller be and hereby is authorized and directed to make, issue and countersign a draft as outlined above, said sum to be payable out of the Judgments and Claims Account.

Approved as to form, February 6, 2003

Patrick T. Morphy, Corporation Counsel

ORDINANCE NO. 11 PASSED – UNANIMOUS

To Mayor, 2/10/03 for Executive Action – Approved, Returned 2/24/03

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ORDINANCE NO. 12

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER WOJCIK

SECONDED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER LAPOSTA

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ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM AGAINST CITY OF TROY – EVA GOURRIER

The City of Troy, in City Council, convened, ordains as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Troy, New York hereby approves the following claim against the City of Troy in the amount indicated:

“EVA GOURRIER IN THE AMOUNT OF
ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED ELEVEN
AND 88/100 DOLLARS (\$1,311.88)”

Section 2. The above compromise is approved and ratified in accordance with Local Law No. 1 for the year 1964.

Section 3. The Comptroller be and hereby is authorized and directed to make, issue and countersign a draft as outlined above, said sum to be payable out of the Judgments and Claims Account.

Approved as to form, February 6, 2003

Patrick T. Morphy, Corporation Counsel

ORDINANCE NO. 12 PASSED – UNANIMOUS

To Mayor, 2/10/03 for Executive Action – Approved, Returned 2/24/03

SEE SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION WITH LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION NO. 1

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT TUTUNJIAN

SECONDED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER DORAN

RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby appoints the following persons Commissioners of Deeds for the City of Troy for a two year term commencing February 7, 2003 through February 6, 2005:

Brian Rossiter	Congress & Second Sts.
Marie A. Brennan	250 Second St.
Anna M. Wells	579 Fifth Ave.
Alice Mohl	105 Third St.
Elva H. Smith	37 Belle Ave.
Catherine Conroy	549 Fifth Ave.
Joseph Manupella	550 Eighth Ave.
Jamie R. Shaughnessy	451 Broadway
Tekoah L. Myers	219 River St.
Carol Haid	208 Pawling Ave.
Paul Solini	1992 Fifteenth St.
Robert Vogel	119 Sherman Ave.
Kathleen M. Nealon	1 Irving Place
Roy P. Harvin	322 First St.
Michael Picarillo	466 Sixth Ave.
David J. Anthony	505 Sixth Ave.
Gordon B. Hughes	260 Brickyard Rd.
Stanley I. Frazier, Jr.	128 President St.
Thomas J. Fennell	530 Sixth Ave.
Susan Cipriani	25 Manor Blvd.
Margaret A. McDermott	10 Donegal Ave.
Mary Klym	219 River St.
Gina Moore	200 Broadway
Darlene Martin	219 River St.
Frances Pomiber	3015 Sixth Ave.
Marsha Pascarella	734 River St.
Dorothy Daniels	225 Eleventh St.

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Harold Teal, Sr.
Paul Bondi
Michale Kahain

415 Fulton St.
1 Humiston Ave.
125 Oakwood Ave.

Approved as to form, January 15, 2003

Patrick T. Morphy, Corporation Counsel

RESOLUTION NO. 1 PASSED – UNANIMOUS

To Mayor, 2/10/03 for Executive Action – Approved, Returned 2/24/03

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RESOLUTION NO. 2

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER JUDGE

SECONDED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER LAPOSTA

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH RENSSELAER
COUNTY CONCERNING SNOW PLOWING AND ROAD STRIPING SERVICES**

Whereas, the city of Troy and the County of Rensselaer want to extend for one year the contract between them that is about to expire; and

Whereas, it is in the City's interest to renew said contract; Now therefore,

BE IT REOLVED, that the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Troy, is herein authorized to execute an agreement with the County of Rensselaer for snow plowing and road striping services, in substantially the form of the attached.

Approved as to form, January 15, 2003

Patrick T. Morphy, Corporation Counsel

RESOLUTION NO. 2 PASSED – UNANIMOUS

To Mayor, 2/10/03 for Executive Action – Approved, Returned 2/24/03

SEE SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION WITH LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION NO. 3

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT TUTUNJIAN

SECONDED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER FOY

RESOLUTION NAMING BANKS AS OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF CITY FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority contained in Section 5.64 of the City Charter, the following banks are designated as official depositories of City funds:

M & T BANK
KEY BANK
FLEET BANK
TRUSTCO
HSBC
THE TROY COMMERCIAL BANK

Approved as to form, January 15, 2003

Patrick T. Morphy, Corporation Counsel

RESOLUTION NO. 3 PASSED – UNANIMOUS

To Mayor, 2/10/03 for Executive Action – Approved, Returned 2/24/03

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RESOLUTION NO. 4

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER JUDGE

SECONDED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER FOY

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
THE FIFTH AVENUE PARKING GARAGE**

WHEREAS the City of Troy solicited bids for construction of the Fifth Avenue Parking Garage; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined to award the alternate bids listed on the attached Schedule A;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor on behalf of the City of Troy is herein authorized and directed to execute a contract for construction of the Fifth Avenue Parking garage to the firm and for the total sum listed on the attached Schedule A.

Approved as to form, January 27, 2003
Patrick T. Morphy, Corporation Counsel

RESOLUTION NO. 4 PASSED – UNANIMOUS

To Mayor, 2/10/03 for Executive Action – Approved, Returned 2/24/03

SCHEDULE "A" ATTACHED TO MINUTES – SEE SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION WITH LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION NO. 5

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER JUDGE

SECONDED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER FOY

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH HUDSON
VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRANTING THE COLLEGE A LICENSE TO THE CITY'S
LANDFILL TO COLLECT METHANE GAS FOR THE COLLEGE'S USE IN A COGENERATION
PLANT**

WHEREAS, Hudson Valley Community College is interested in pursuing a cooperative project that would use methane gas from the City's landfill to fuel a plant that would produce electricity for the college's campus; and

WHEREAS, the City is interested in the project as an innovative method for using the methane gas' energy producing potential that would otherwise be lost;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Troy, is herein authorized and directed to execute a 15 year contract with Hudson Valley Community College granting the college a license to use and provide access to the landfill to collect methane gas to fuel a cogeneration plant on the college's campus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contract shall include the following terms:

- a. The college shall pay the City the sum of \$100,000 at the end of the first year of the project and \$10,000 per year for ten years thereafter for a total of \$200,000.
- b. The City will reasonably cooperate with the college in any funding application that the college might like to submit to any agency that might assist in financing this project. In particular, the Mayor is authorized to execute an application under Article 54 of the Environmental Law.
- c. The City will transfer to the college responsibility for managing and maintaining the gas collection system, (primarily the flare and associated piping), including the associated costs, but the college will not operate or manage other aspects of the landfill.
- d. The college will be responsible for managing and paying for all phases of construction required for the project. The City will be presented an opportunity to review all construction plans and documents prior to construction, and shall have the right of prior approval, (which shall not be unreasonably withheld) of all plans and documents for construction on City property or the landfill, for connection to the existing system or which may be required for compliance with existing consent orders.

Approved as to form, January 23, 2003
Patrick T. Morphy, Corporation Counsel

RESOLUTION NO. 5 PASSED – UNANIMOUS

To Mayor, 2/10/03 for Executive Action – Approved, Returned 2/24/03

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RESOLUTION NO. 6

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT TUTUNJIAN

SECONDED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER FOY

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN ASSIGNMENT
OF THE UNCLE SAM PEDESTRIAN MALL MANAGEMENT CONTRACT TO BRYCE PROPERTIES,
LLC**

WHEREAS, Bryce Properties LLC owns and operates the Uncle Sam Atrium; and

WHEREAS, the pedestrian mall that is located in the Uncle Sam Atrium is owned by the City of Troy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Troy has always had a management contract with the owner of the Atrium to maintain the city owned pedestrian mall; and

WHEREAS, Bryce properties LLC has assumed the responsibilities of the management contract, but the City has not yet formally assigned it to Bryce Properties, LLC: and

WHEREAS, it would be in the interest of the City of Troy to assign the management contract to Bryce Properties LLC:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Troy is herein authorized to execute an assignment of the Uncle Sam Atrium Pedestrian Mall Management contract, substantially in the form of the attached, to Bryce Properties, LLC.

Approved as to form, January 20, 2002
Patrick T. Morphy, Corporation Counsel

RESOLUTION NO. 6 PASSED – UNANIMOUS

To Mayor, 2/10/03 for Executive Action – Approved, Returned 2/24/03

SEE SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION WITH LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION NO. 7

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT TUTUNJIAN

SECONDED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER WELCOME

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A RENEWAL CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF TROY AND THE HUDSON MOHAWK INDUSTRIAL GATEWAY, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway, Inc. operates the Troy RiverSpark Visitor Center; and

WHEREAS, the Troy RiverSpark Visitor Center is the first stop for many tourists, boaters and students and their families when seeking information about Troy's architectural heritage, restaurants and recreational venues; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway has provided the staffing and maintenance for the Center for over a decade; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway, Inc. each desire to renew the contract for such services for 2003:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Troy is herein authorized to execute a contract in a form substantially similar to the attached to provide staffing and exhibit maintenance, keep literature supplies up-to-date, field telephone and e-mail requests, provide orientation tours and welcoming receptions for various boats and tourist groups as resources permit and to coordinate marketing initiatives for downtown Troy including providing a part-time staff person.

Approved as to form, December 12, 2002
Patrick T. Morphy, Corporation Counsel

RESOLUTION NO. 7 PASSED – UNANIMOUS

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RESOLUTION NO. 8

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT TUTUNJIAN

SECONDED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER LAPOSTA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, in 1915, Carter Goodwin Woodson, the father of Black History, founded the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History. Each year the Association celebrates February as Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, we remember the stories of those who have helped to build our Nation and advance the cause of freedom and civil rights. We remember those who marched on Washington, sat at whites-only lunch counters, and walked rather than used segregated buses. And we remember those, known only to each of us, who helped to build our families, places of worship, and communities; and

WHEREAS, when we examine our Nation's history, we discover these and countless other stories that inspire us. They are stories of the triumph of the human spirit, tragic stories of cruelty rooted in ignorance and bigotry, yet stories of everyday people rising above their circumstances and the prejudice of others to build lives of dignity; and

WHEREAS, this month, and throughout the year, let us celebrate and remember these stories, which reflect the history of people of color and of all Americans. In our Nation's schools, our children can learn to admire Booker T. Washington, Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglass, and others. And Americans from all backgrounds can be ennobled by the examples of Thurgood Marshall, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young, Mary Church Terrell, and other civil rights leaders; and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate Black History Month, let us commit ourselves to raising awareness and appreciation of the history and culture of people of color. Let us teach our children, and all Americans, to rise above brutality and bigotry and to be champions of liberty, human dignity, and equality.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Troy City Council does hereby resolve to proclaim February 2003 as Black History Month and call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all of the people to join us in observing this very important reflection of our history.

Approved as to form, February 4, 2003
Patrick T. Morphy, Corporation Counsel

RESOLUTION NO. 8 PASSED – UNANIMOUS

To Mayor, 2/10/03 for Executive Action – Approved, Returned 2/24/03

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RESOLUTION NO. 9

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT TUTUNJIAN

SECONDED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER LAPOSTA

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A PARALLEL CELEBRATION AND 'FIRST CITY' STATUS FOR THE UNVEILING OF THE UNCLE SAM STAMP

Whereas, Samuel Wilson, who emigrated to Troy, and Troy is considered the Home of Uncle Sam; and

Whereas, his business packed meat that fed U.S. soldiers during the War of 1812, and each shipment of rations was stamped with the logo 'US', and the symbol became nationally recognized as 'Uncle Sam'; and

Whereas, on April 3, 2003 the U.S. Postal Service is set to unveil a new Uncle Sam stamp to be commemorating the historical significance of Uncle Sam; and

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Whereas, representatives of the Uncle Sam Stamp Club is requesting that a parallel celebration be held in Troy, New York as the Home of Uncle Sam; and

Whereas, the Uncle Sam Stamp Club supports granting Troy “first city” status, which means the stamp would be available here before any other place in the nation.

Now, Therefore, Let it Be Resolved, that the Troy City Council supports the Uncle Sam Stamp Club in their efforts to establish the City of Troy as “First City” and that there be a parallel celebration held in Troy, New York. This resolution and a letter of support from the Council will be sent to Mr. John E. Potter, U.S. Postmaster.

Approved as to form, February 6, 2003
Patrick T. Morphy, Corporation Counsel

RESOLUTION NO. 9 PASSED – UNANIMOUS

To Mayor, 2/10/03 for Executive Action – Approved, Returned 2/24/03

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